

REMARKS

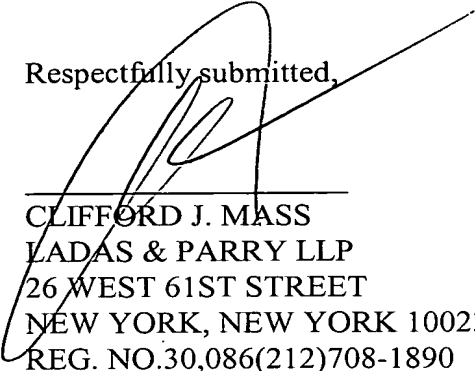
The Official Action of 4 April 2008 has been carefully considered and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The indication that claims 5, 8 and 20 would be allowable, if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, has been noted with appreciation. The subject matter of claim 5 has now been incorporated into claim 1 with the insertion into claim 1 of the recitations formerly in claims 4 and 5 (now canceled). New claim 34 contains the subject matter formerly in claim 8 with the insertion into this claim of the recitations formerly in claims 1 and 8. New claim 35 contains the subject matter formerly in claim 20 with the insertion into this claim of the recitations formerly in claims 1, 19 and 20. These claims are now respectfully believed to be in allowable form in accordance with the Examiner's comments.

The remaining claims have been amended to depend from the allowed claims and to remove the bases for the rejections and objections appearing at page 3 of the Official Action. All claims as amended are respectfully believed to be sufficiently definite to satisfy the dictates of 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and all of the depended claims are believed further to limit the claims from which they depend.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and rejections of record have been overcome and that the application is now in allowable form. An early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited and is believed to be fully warranted.

Respectfully submitted,



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